

## ABSTRACT

A protective guard for a finger or thumb may be used during a medical procedure. The protective guard may inhibit needle or instrument puncture of a medical

- 5 practitioner's skin during a medical procedure. The protective guard may include a puncture resistant portion and a less puncture resistant portion. The material used to form the puncture resistant portion and the less puncture resistant portion may be chosen so that the guard provides a large degree of penetration resistance while still remaining flexible. The color of the puncture resistant portion may be different than the color of the
- 10 less puncture resistant portion to provide a user with a visual indication of the puncture resistant portions of the protective guard.